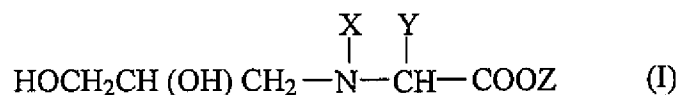


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Cosmetics containing~~ A cosmetic comprising an amino acid ~~N-glyceryl~~ N-glyceryl derivative ~~represented by~~ of the following formula (I) or salt thereof~~[[,]]~~ :



~~[[,]]~~ wherein~~[[,]]~~ X ~~represents~~ is hydrogen atom,  $-\text{CH}^2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}^2\text{OH}$  group or alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms~~[[,]]~~ ; Y ~~represents~~ is a side chain of ~~a-amino acid~~, an  $\alpha$ -amino acid; and Z ~~represent~~ is a hydrogen atom, alkali metal, ammonium group, organic ammonium group or  $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$   $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  group.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~cosmetics~~ cosmetic according to claim 1, wherein the content of the amino acid ~~N-glyceryl~~ N-glyceryl derivative ~~represented by the~~ of formula (I) or salt thereof is an amount of 0.1 to 20 % by weight ~~to~~ of the total weight of the cosmetic.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~cosmetics~~ cosmetic according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the amino acid ~~N-glyceryl~~ derivative ~~represented by the~~ of formula (I) or salt thereof is ~~an~~ a glyceryl derivative of a basic amino acid or salt thereof.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~The cosmetics~~ A skin care cosmetic comprising the cosmetic according to claim 1, ~~which are skin care cosmetics.~~

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The cosmetics~~ A hair cosmetic comprising the cosmetic according to claim 1, ~~which are hair cosmetics.~~

6. (New) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Y is a side chain of an  $\alpha$ -amino acid selected from the group consisting of glycine, alanine, valine, leucine, isoleucine, serine, threonine, phenylalanine, tyrosine, tryptophan, sarcosine, N-methylalanine,  $\alpha$ -aminobutyric acid, cystine, methionine, cysteine, proline, hydroxyproline, lysine, hydroxylysine, arginine, histidine, ornithine aspartic acid, and glutamic acid.

7. (New) The cosmetic according to claim 2, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $-\text{NR}_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanediol-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanolamine-2yl group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.

8. (New) The cosmetic according to claim 6, wherein Z is an organic ammonium group of the formula  $-\text{NR}_4^+$ , wherein R is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl group, ethyl group, hydroxymethyl group, hydroxyethyl group, 2-methyl-1, 3-propanedoyl-2yl group and 2-methyl-1-propanoylmine-2il group, wherein at least one R group is not a hydrogen atom.